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Expressing the sense of the Congress that the therapeutic technique known as rebirthing is a dangerous and harmful practice and should be prohibited.

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Whereas “rebirthing” is a form of “attachment therapy”, which is used to try to forge new bonds between adoptive parents and their adopted children;

Whereas Candace Newmaker, a child from North Carolina, died from the rebirthing technique, and four other children have died from other forms of attachment therapy;

Whereas the American Psychological Association does not
recognize rebirthing as proper treatment; and

Whereas many States have enacted or are considering legisla-
tion to prohibit this technique: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This concurrent resolution may be cited as the
5 “Candace Newmaker Resolution of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING THERAPEUTIC**
7 **TECHNIQUE KNOWN AS REBIRTHING.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—It is the sense of the Congress
9 that the therapeutic technique known as rebirthing is dan-
10 gerous and harmful, and the Congress encourages each
11 State to enact a law that prohibits such technique.

12 (b) DEFINITION.—In this resolution, the term “re-
13 birthing” means a therapy to reenact the birthing process
14 in a manner that includes restraint and creates a situation
15 in which a patient may suffer physical injury or death.

Passed the House of Representatives September 17,
2002.

Attest:

Clerk.